Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

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Sun. Sep. 08, 2019 9:00am **12th Sunday after Pentecost: Nativity of the Theotokos**

TODAY'S READINGS:

Gal. 6:11-18 (Sunday before)	John 3:13-17
I Cor. 15:1-11 (Sunday)	Matt. 19:16-26
Phil. 2:5-11 (Theotokos)	Luke 10:38-42;11:27-28

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Today:		• Opening Molieben for Church School • Coffee Hour
Mon. Sep. 09	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
Tue. Sep. 10	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
	6:30pm	Church Council Meeting
Wed. Sep. 11	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
	6:00pm	Panikhida: Natalya (40th day) 9/11 Victims
Thu. Sep. 12	5:00pm	OCF Daily Vespers, Yale, Lovett Room of Battell Chapel
Fri. Sep. 13	6:00pm	Vigil, Feast of the Elevation of the Cross
Sat. Sep. 14	9:00am	Divine Liturgy, Feast of the Cross (Strict Fast Day)
		I Cor. 1:18-24 John 19:6-11,13-20,25-28,30-35
	5:00pm	Great Vespers, Confessions
Sun. Sep. 15	9:00am	13th Sun. after Pentecost: Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross
		Gal. 2:16-20 (Sunday after) Mark 8:34-9:1
		I Cor. 16:13-24 (Sunday) Matt. 21:33-42

Welcome to all our visitors today!

Please continue to pray for: **Matushka Cindy** met for surgical consult on Sept. 5th. **Maria Scheirer** was briefly hospitalized, and Joseph Pope is currently hospitalized. **Judy Ross** welcomed the birth of her grandson, all doing well!

Memory Eternal: **Archbishop Nikon** fell asleep in the Lord on September 1, 2019, and funeral services were celebrated on Thursday and Friday of this past week. **Mat. Eva Kopcha** fell asleep in the Lord on August 12th. **Evgenia**, Nika's mother, fell asleep in the Lord on Aug. 20. **Geneva**, Michael Widener's mother, fell asleep in the Lord on Aug. 21st. **Sylvia Pelikan** fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, Aug. 27th, and burial service was celebrated August 31st. May their memory be eternal!

Stewardship Tray: For September will be St. Alexis Orthodox Church, as they celebrate their 25th anniversary. Please be generous.

FORCC Dinner: The annual FORCC Benefit Banquet will be held on Sunday, October 6, 2019, at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 4070 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT. **Alex Oji** is coordinating tickets this year, so please see him to reserve your place at the banquet. Forms are available at the candle desk, and ticket purchase deadline is Sept. 26th. Archimandrite Sergius, who led our parish retreat, has been asked to be the speaker for the banquet.

Feast of the Elevation of the Most Precious Cross

Fr. Alexander Schmemann conducted radio broadcasts for years into Communist Russia, combatting atheism. Perhaps as we see our culture dangerously flirt with abandoning the reality of faith and belief in favor of secular pursuits, these broadcasts will be helpful for us to listen to anew. The following is a portion of his presentation on this feast.

"It seems to me that we continue to celebrate the Elevation of the Cross and repeat ancient words of victory, not simply to commemorate an old battle that was won, or to recall a past that no longer exists, but in order to reflect more deeply on the meaning of the word 'victory' for Christian Faith. It may be that only now, stripped as we are of outward power and glory, government support, untold wealth, and of all apparent symbols of victory, are we capable of understanding that all of this was, perhaps, not genuine victory. Yes, the cross raised the crowds was in those days covered with gold and silver and adorned with precious stones. Yet neither gold, nor silver, nor precious stones can erase the original meaning of the Cross as an instrument of humiliation, torture, and execution on which a man was nailed, a man rejected, gasping from pain and thirst. Do we have the courage to ask ourselves: if all those Christian kingdoms and cultures died, if victory was replaced by defeat, was it not because we Christians became blind to the ultimate meaning and genuine content of Christianity's most important symbol? We decided that gold and silver would be allowed to eclipse this meaning. And we decided as well that God desires our worship of the past." Schmemann, Alexander, Celebration of Faith: Volume 2, the Church Year, pp. 42-43. SVS Press, 1994.

Locum Tenens:

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, will be taking over administrative oversight of our New England Diocese. In our church this role is called *Locum Tenens*. We will be commemorating our Metropolitan as *Locum Tenens* of the Diocese of New England.

Сегодня- 12-я Неделя по Пятидесятницая, начало индикта. церковное новолетие
[Послание к галатам 6:11-18 и от Иоанна 3:13-17]
[Первое Послание к Коринфянам 15:1-11 и от Матфея 19:16-26]
[Послание к Филиппийцам 2:5-11 и от Луки 10:38-42;11:27-28]
Церковная Школа Молибен
Пят. 6:00чд Бдение, Возддвижзние Креста Господня
Субб. 9:00чу Литургиа, Возддвижзние Креста Господня
5:00чд Великая Вечерня и Исповедь
Воск 9:00чу Литургиа 13-я Неделя по Пятидесятницая, Рождество Пресвятой Богородицы
[Послание к галатам 2:16-20 и от Марка 8:34-9:1]
[Первое Послание к Коринфянам 16:13-24 и от Матфея 21:33-42]